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EXDIS/TOSEC 466,TOPOL 21, ZFF4 PEKING, INFORM CONSULS

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST SITUATION 112

PEKING FOR SECRETARY'S PARTY
BRUSSELS FOR ASST SECY SISCO
INFORM CONSULS
VIENNA PASS USDEL MBFR
KUWAIT POUCH MUSCAT AND DOHA
BEIRUT PASS BAGHDAD
COAST GUARD FOR POLAD

1. CEASE-FIRE. UNEF COMMANDER GENERAL SIILASVUO AND
ISRAELI DEFENSE MINISTER DAYAN CROSSED PATHS AT KILOMETER
101 ON CAIRO-SUEZ ROAD AS BOTH INSPECTED AREAS OF CONTRO-
VERSY ALONG ROAD. NOV 12 INCIDENT AT KM. 119 (SITREP 111)
REMAINS UNRESOLVED THOUGH
DF AND U.N.E.F. TROOPS ON SCENE
APPARENTLY GETTING ALONG. DAYAN AND SIILASVUO MET IN
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JERUSALEM NOV 13 AND, ACCORDING PRESS REPORTS, SIILASVUO
TOLD REPORTERS "THERE WAS NO MISUNDERSTANDING TODAY."
SIILASVUO FLEW IMMEDIATELY TO CAIRO AFTER MEETING WITH
DAYAN. PRESS REPORTS, WITH ATTRIBUTION TO "HIGH-RANKING

ISRAELI OFFICIAL," INDICATE THAT IDF NOT PREPARED GIVE UP CHECKPOINTS TO UNEF UNTIL EGYPT AGREES TO FIRM POW EXCHANGE SCHEDULE. REPORTS ALSO INDICATE ISRAEL UNWILLING GIVE UP FULL MILITARY CONTROL OVER CAIRO-SUEZ ROAD BECAUSE TO DO SO WOULD PERMIT EGYPT RESUPPLY THIRD ARMY WITH WAR ALSO REPORTS THREAT BY "ISRAELI SOURCES" TO CUT OFF FOOD AND WATER TO THIRD ARMY UNLESS EGYPT LIFTS RED SEA BLOCKADE AND FREES POWS. UPI FROM TEL AVIV REPORTS THAT, ACCORDING "GOI OFFICIALS," ISRAEL IS PREPARING TO TEST EGYPTIAN RED SEA BLOCKADE AT BAB EL MANDEB.

2. MRS. MEIR REPORTEDLY TOLD KNESSET NOV 13 THAT ISRAEL WILL NOT COOPERATE IN EGYPTIAN PLANS TO EXTRICATE THIRD ARMY BY WITHDRAWING TO WHAT SHE DESCRIBED AS NONEXISTENT LINES OF OCT 22. SHE REPORTEDLY SAID THAT "THE POSITIONS OF OCT 22" IS POLITICAL SLOGAN USED BY EGYPT AND SOVIETS TO ACCUSE ISRAEL OF CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS AND TO JUSTIFY EXTRICATION OF THIRD ARMY. SHE REFERRED TO NEW AGREEMENT, EXPRESSING HOPE THAT DESPITE UNRESOLVED DIFFICULTIES, IT WILL BE FULLY IMPLEMENTED.

3. ISRAEL-SYRIA. ISRAEL RADIO SAID EXCHANGES OF FIRE IN AREA NEAR MT. HERMON'S EASTERN SLOPES BEGAN AT 0140 EST NOV 13 AND INTENSIFIED TO INCLUDE ARTILLERY EXCHANGES WHICH LASTED UNTIL 0430 EST. RADIO ISRAEL REVEALED EARLY NOV 13 THAT UNDER SYG GUYER'S TRIP TO SYRIA AND ISRAEL IS FOR PURPOSE OF ARRANGING POW EXCHANGE. PUBLICITY BY ISRAEL OF GUYER'S TRIP, AND ISRAELI PRESS REPORTS TODAY OF PLAN TO GREATLY INCREASE ISRAELI INVESTMENT IN AND ISRAELI POPULATION OF GOLAN HEIGHTS, NOT LIKELY ENHANCE PROSPECTS FOR PROGRESS ON ISRAEL-SYRIA ISSUES.

4. DIPLOMATIC FRONT. MOST WIRE SERVICES REPORTING FROM MIDDLE EAST INCLUDE PORTION OF SECRETARY'S NOV 12 PEKING INTERVIEW IN WHICH HE SAID ONE OF MIDEAST GUARANTEES BEING CONSIDERED IS U.S. GUARANTEE OF ISRAELI SECURITY. AFP FROM RIYADH REPORTS CONTINUING SAUDI PRESSURE ON

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JAPAN. THE AFP REPORT, BASED ON INTERVIEW WITH MINISTER OF PETROLEUM YAMANI AND PRINCES SA'UD AND SA'AD, STRESSED THAT EVEN AFTER MIDEAST SETTLEMENT CONSUMERS WHO WANT MORE OIL MUST HELP PRODUCING COUNTRIES INDUSTRIALIZE AT HOME AND INVEST WISELY ABROAD.

5. ARAB PRESS SERVICES REPORT THAT ARAB SUMMIT WILL TAKE PLACE BEFORE END OF NOVEMBER, AND WILL BE PRECEDED BY ARAB FOREIGN MINISTER MEETING IN CAIRO NOV 24. CAIRO PRESS REPORTS INVITATIONS TO NOV 24 MEETING HAVE BEEN SENT AND THAT SUMMIT SHOULD FOLLOW ON OR ABOUT NOV 28 IN ALGIERS. LEBANESE NEWSPAPER AN-NAHAR REPORTED NOV 13 THAT YASIR ARAFAT HAS GONE TO MOSCOW VIA BAGHDAD. PAPER SAID ARAFAT

SOUGHT PRO-IRAQI PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATIVE TO JOIN HIM
IN MOSCOW WHEN, ACCORDING AN-NAHAR SOVIETS WILL PROPOSE
THAT FORMATION PROVISIONAL PALESTINIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD
BE DESIRABLE PRIOR EXPECTED ARAB-ISRAEL PEACE CONFERENCE.

6. UNEF FORMATION. DIFFICULTIES CONCERNING ROLES AND
FUNCTIONS--AS BETWEEN CANADIAN AND POLISH ELEMENTS OF
UNEF SUPPORT FORCE--CONTINUE TO IMPEDE INSERTION AND
DEVELOPMENT OF EFFICIENT UNDERPINNING FOR UNEF. HAVING
BEEN BURNED IN PREVIOUS UN SUPPORT MISSIONS, CANADIANS
ARE STIFFLY RESISTING UN EFFORTS TO MELD POLISH-CANADIAN
FORCE WITH MIXTURES OF FUNCTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES.
ASSUMING LOGJAM IS BROKEN BY EFFORTS IN TRAIN, NEXT STEPS
IN AIRLIFT OF ADDITIONAL TROOPS WILL BE REQUESTS TO HAVE
US LIFT PERUVIANS, PANAMANIANS, AND INDONESIANS ON FOL-
LOWING SCHEDULE: (A) PERU - ADVANCE PARTY OF 50, PLUS
THREE VEHICLES FROM LIMA TO CAIRO ON NOV 15, WITH MAIN
FORCE OF 450 TO FOLLOW; (B) PANAMA - ADVANCE PARTY FROM
PANAMA ON ABOUT NOV 26, WITH REMAINDER OF 392-MAN FORCE TO
FOLLOW ABOUT WEEK LATER; AND, (C) INDONESIA - AIRLIFT OF
MAIN FORCE OF ABOUT 600 MEN PLUS EQUIPMENT TO BEGIN ABOUT
WEEK LATER, I.E., SECOND WEEK OF DECEMBER. IMPLICIT IN
THIS PLANNING SCHEDULE IS ASSUMPTION UN WILL TURN TO
OTHERS, INCLUDING USSR, FOR AIRLIFT OF NEPALESE, GHANAIAN,
SENEGALESE, AND POSSIBLY ZAIRIAN CONTINGENTS TO FILL OUT
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